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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: **Raymund Laplante et al.**  
Serial Number **09/800,418**  
Filed **March 6, 2001**  
Examiner **Jeffrey C. Mullis**  
Group Art Unit **1711**  
For: **COMPATABLE BLEND SYSTEMS OF OXYGEN BARRIER  
POLYMERS AND OXYGEN SCAVENGING POLYMERS**

**PRELIMINARY REMARKS****MAIL STOP RCE**

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This paper is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-identified application, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and in response to the Final Office Action dated December 14, 2004 for which the three-month date for response was March 14, 2005. A request for a two-month extension of time to respond, along with the required fee is submitted for the above-referenced application. As May 14, 2005 falls on a Saturday, this two-month extension will bring the due date to respond to the Final Office Action to May 16, 2005.

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